

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the United States of America to be affixed.



DONE at the City of Washington this twenty-seventh day of April in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and sixty-seven, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and ninety-first.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Lyndon B. Johnson".

By the President:

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Dean Rusk".

Secretary of State.

Proclamation 3782

NATIONAL MARITIME DAY, 1967

By the President of the United States of America

May 9, 1967

A Proclamation

Throughout American history, the Merchant Marine has been indispensable to our security and prosperity.

Today, our merchant fleet binds us in peaceful commerce with the increasingly interdependent nations of the world.

In this decade alone, our imports and exports have risen nearly 60 percent—from less than \$35 billion in 1960 to nearly \$55 billion in 1966.

Merchant ships carry the essentials of life to millions in need. They transport military supplies and equipment to our forces abroad. Of all our supplies being sent to Vietnam today, 98 percent are carried by ship.

To remind Americans of the important role which the merchant marine plays in our national life, the Congress in 1933 designated the anniversary of the first transatlantic voyage by a steamship, the SS *Savannah*, on May 22, 1819, as National Maritime Day, and requested the President to issue a proclamation annually in observance of that day.

48 Stat. 73.
36 USC 145.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LYNDON B. JOHNSON, President of the United States of America, do hereby urge the people of the United States to honor our American Merchant Marine on Monday, May 22, 1967, by displaying the flag of the United States at their homes and other suitable places, and I request that all ships sailing under the American flag dress ship on that day in tribute to the American Merchant Marine.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the United States of America to be affixed.



DONE at the City of Washington this ninth day of May in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and sixty-seven, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and ninety-first.

By the President:

Secretary of State.

Proclamation 3783

SMALL BUSINESS WEEK, 1967

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

May 9, 1967

Fully 95 percent of the businesses serving the needs of the American people are small and privately owned. More than a third of the Nation's total goods and services are supplied by small businesses.

Small businesses perform a service to the Nation beyond the supplying of goods. Operating in an open, competitive market, they stimulate the new ideas that create progress. They provide community leadership to aid economic development. They offer a wide and challenging variety of job opportunities to our people.

To encourage the growth of new small businesses, the Small Business Administration has in the past three years granted 830 loans, totalling over \$131 million, to local development companies. These loans have resulted in the creation of 28,800 new jobs, and added nearly \$1.2 billion to our economy. During the last three years there has been a net increase of 200,000 in the number of small business establishments in our Nation.

We recognize and applaud the contributions made by our 4.8 million small businesses. We must insure that they will continue to hold a vital place in our society.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LYNDON B. JOHNSON, President of the United States of America, do hereby designate the week beginning May 21, 1967, as Small Business Week, and I urge industrial and commercial organizations, chambers of commerce, boards of trade, and other public and private organizations to participate in ceremonies recognizing the significant contributions, past and present, of small business to our land, our culture, and our ideals.

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